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SUBJ: INVITATION FOR COLLABORATION WITH NEW SRI LANKA INTER-
NATIONAL AIRLINE

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1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED MARCH 6 FROM MRS. WIMALA KANNANGARA, MINISTER OF SHIPPING, AVIATION AND TOURISM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON AVIATION: QUOTE

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A NEW AIRLINE WHICH WILL UNDERTAKE ALL THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES INCLUDING SERVICES TO MADRAS, BOMBAY, KARACHI, BANGKOK, KUALAL LUMPUR, SINGAPORE, MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE. THE SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT SHALL OWN 51 PERCENT OF THE SHARES AND THE BALANCE 49 PERCENT IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS INCLUDING ANY LOCAL OR FOREIGN INTERESTS AND ANY FOREIGN OR LOCAL ORGANIZATION HOLDING A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. THE COLLABORATOR SHOULD PLAY A ROLE AND AT THE COMMENCEMENT, AN IMPORTANT ROLE, IN ALL OPERATIONS RELATING TO MARKETING,
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PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT, MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT, TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL AND PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING. THERE IS TO BE PROVISION FOR BUILDING UP A RESERVE FUND TO BE MADE FROM MONTHLY ALLOCATIONS.

3. I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL KINDLY GIVE YOUR CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO THIS PROPOSAL

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AMONG AIRLINES AND FINANCING HOUSES IN YOUR COUNTRY.

4. PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL SUB COMMITTEE ON AVIATION, C/O MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, AVIATION AND TOURISM, NO. 54, CHATHAM STREET, COLOMBO 1, SRI LANKA; UNDER SEALED AND REGISTERED COVER TO REACH THE CHAIRMAN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1978. LETTERS SHOULD BE MARKED ON THE TOP LEFT HAND CORNER WITH THE ENDORSEMENT "AIRLINE PROPOSAL". END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: THE MINISTER'S LETTER PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE DESIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA AND UNDERSCORES THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN PROMPT ACTION. PLEASE GIVE THIS INFORMATION THE SAME DISTRIBUTION AS REFTEL.
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